

CAPTAINS PASS LIE EXPLAINING SHIP DISASTER

Kendall Says Collier Backed
Away After Collision But
Anderson Declares He Kept
"Full Steam Ahead."

"FIX THE BLAME" IS GOVERNMENT SLOGAN

Sweeping Inquiry to be Con-
ducted by Dominion and Im-
perial Officials — Storstad
Owners Sued for Damages.

BULLETIN.
MONTREAL, June 1.—Unofficial re-
ports are current here this afternoon
that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy may re-
tire from the presidency of the Cana-
dian Pacific railway as a result of the
Empress of Ireland disaster and be
succeeded by Vice Pres. Bosworth.
Confirmation cannot be secured. If
Sir Thomas resigns he will retain his
post as chairman of the board of di-
rectors.

MONTREAL, June 1. — Charges
that the collier Storstad was under-
manned at the time of the collision
with the liner Empress of Ireland
were made today and will be investi-
gated by Canadian officials. The
charges were based on the statement
of survivors, who declared that the
collier had only 12 men, including the
captain and three mates, and that
the Storstad was able to send out
only one of her lifeboats.

"Fix the blame" is the slogan of
the dominion and imperial govern-
ments in their joint investigation of
the disaster. The imperial investiga-
tion committee will sit at Ottawa
after agents of the Canadian govern-
ment have taken steps to fix responsi-
bility for the worst disaster that has
ever occurred in dominion waters.
The imperial committee will consist
of two judges of the Canadian court
of admiralty and a representative
of the British board of trade.
This representative, George Vaux, has
already started for Canada.

Captains Pass Lie.
In the preliminary investigation
here the Canadian officials find them-
selves confronted by a situation in
which the respective commanders of
the Empress of Ireland and the
Storstad, Captain Kendall and Captain
Anderson, give the lie to each other.
The former declares that the Stor-
stad crew drew away after it rammed
the Empress. Captain Anderson declares
that it was the Empress which drew
away.

The separation of the two ships al-
lowed the water to rush into the gap
between the prow of the Storstad and
the Empress' stern much quicker than
she would have if the two vessels had
remained together.

This is the charge of Captain An-
derson, which has been indorsed by
the management of the Black Dia-
mond line, lessees of the Storstad.
"The vessels were in full view
of each other. The Storstad had the
right of way. After the collision the
Storstad did not back away; it
foraged ahead to keep the gap closed
between the two vessels. It was the
Empress that changed position; the
Storstad did its utmost to save all
its boats when in a crippled and dan-
gerous condition itself. After the
collision it was the Empress that
moved away."

Kendall's Charge.
This is the charge of Captain Ken-
dall, which has been accepted by
the admiralty under a claim of \$2-
000,000 damages.

"The Empress was stationary
when the Storstad rammed her.
The Storstad then backed away,
though requested to forego ahead
and block the hole in the Em-
press' side. After the collision,
when asked to come alongside,
the Storstad kept moving away.
The passengers rescued were for
the most part saved by the Em-
press' own boats."

The evidence of both crews will be
taken at the preliminary investiga-
tion that opens tomorrow. The do-
minion officials also will take the
testimony of passengers.
In order to make the investigation
a sweeping one it is planned to de-
part from the usual course and have
it conducted by two admiralty judges.
To do this special legislation will be
necessary. A bill for this purpose
has already been drawn by the gov-
ernment.

Board of Trade Represented.
The British board of trade asked
through its president, John Burns, for
permission to participate and this
was granted immediately. The im-
perial inquiry will open as soon as
Mr. Vaux arrives. He is due here on
June 8 and will go at once to Ottawa.

While the special legislation and
the inquiry to be based upon it are
called forth by the Empress of Ire-
land disaster, it is the intention of
the government to make the tribunal
a permanent one to investigate all
future catastrophes.

The owners of the Storstad have
one week to answer the writ for dam-
ages on which the seizure of the
Storstad was based.

Officials of the Black Diamond line
announced today that they would
fight the seizure of the Storstad. Her
cargo of coal is being unloaded and it
is expected that an immediate appear-
ance will be entered in the suit. The
outcome of this will be largely de-
termined by the verdict of the court
of inquiry.

WINTERS REARRESTED ON A MURDER CHARGE

Wife and Boarder Held as Ac-
complices in Conspiracy
to Murder Catherine.

NEWCASTLE, Ind., June 1.—Dr.
William A. Winters, his wife and their
boarder, Russ Cooper, the one-
armed telegrapher, were rearrested
here today, charged with a conspiracy
to murder Catherine Winters, the den-
tist's missing daughter. They were
later released on \$1,000 bonds apiece
by Judge Edward Jackson, of the cir-
cuit court.

Attorneys for the defense bitterly
denounced Detective Abel, the private
detective who was responsible for their
arrest Saturday, declaring that Dr.
Winters and the others were victims of
an outrage and exonerated the detec-
tive for his unlicensed activities in the
case.

Following the attack made on the
detective, however, Judge Jackson re-
fused the appeal of Prosecuting Atty.
Myers to again fix the bond at \$5,000.
"Unless the state can show proba-
bility of the defendants trying to es-
cape from town," said Judge Jackson,
"there seems to be no reason why the
bonds should be placed higher than the
customary \$500. However, since
the state's counsel has made such vig-
orous applications for a higher bond,
I will fix it at \$1,000."

PREDICTED JAIL FOR WINTERS.

DETROIT, Mich., June 1.—"This
case is not over yet and before its
over you'll be in jail yourself."

This is what Mrs. Edna Norrie
Vance, of Adrian, Mich., told Dr. W.
A. Winters seven months ago, in con-
nection with the disappearance of his
nine-year-old daughter. At the time
Mrs. Vance had been charged with at-
tempting to blackmail the doctor and
the doctor had been unbraiding her.
The woman is now serving a year in
the house of correction.

FIVE KILLED IN VAIN ATTEMPT TO SAVE ONE

Gas in Fore Part of Steamer
Wrecks Havoc—Casualties
of a Day.

GALVESTON, Tex., June 1.—Six
seamen on the tank steamer San
Valerio were killed off Tuxpan as a
result of an accumulation of gas in
the forepeak, according to mem-
bers of the crew when the vessel ar-
rived here early today.

The dead are:
Chief Officer P. F. Elliott, Sunder-
land, Eng.
Chief Carpenter H. Cousins, Lon-
don.
Boatswain F. Scheaff, Cornwall.
W. Jarvinen, a Russian, address
not known.
W. Campbell, Suffolk, Eng.
B. Stanhole, whose home was in
Australia.

Five of the men lost their lives
trying to rescue Cousins, who was
overcome by gas while making some
repairs.

BOSTON, Mass., June 1.—Three
men are dead, one missing and a half
a dozen injured as the result of an
explosion which wrecked the screen
house of the Metropolitan sewage
pumping station on Chelsea st., East
Boston, today, and shook the whole
East Boston district. The explosion
was caused either by sewer gas or
leaking gasoline fumes.

DENVER, Colo., June 1.—Two
Colorado and Southern passenger
trains collided head-on this morning
at Burnham, a suburb. Fireman
Ford Hunn was cooked to death by
steam and Engineers Stein and Auer
were injured. Two hundred passen-
gers were shaken up.

"STILL HOPEFUL" SAYS LAMAR OF MEDIATION

Mexicans Decline to Admit Rep-
resentative of Carranza,
However.

BY LAURENCE TOD.
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MEDIATION HEADQUARTERS.
Canton Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ont.,
June 1.—A deadlock has been reached
in the Mexican mediation conferences.
This was admitted by Justice Joseph
H. Lamar, one of the American dele-
gates, this afternoon.

The deadlock is said to have been
caused by the resistance of the Huerta
delegates and the "A. B. C." mediators
to the admission of a representative
of Gen. Carranza to the conferences
with the constitutional chief hav-
ing agreed to an armistice.
The American state department
wants the Carranzistas to have a voice
in the proceedings, but at their confer-
ence with the American delegates to-
day, the mediators objected to such
action and the conference ended with-
out any such arrangement having been
made.

When the Americans left the confer-
ence Justice Lamar said:
"We have had a conference in which
we continued the discussion of a point
about which we had not agreed on Sat-
urday. The matter is still under dis-
cussion. We found in our talk that
we were not so far apart in our con-
struction of certain phrases and we are
still quite hopeful."

LANSING.—Gov. Ferris has issued
two paroles. One was given to Fred
Williams, 34, sent to Jackson prison
for burglary, and the other was to
Arthur Duell, 28, sentenced to the
Iona reformatory for forgery.

"I WILL MEET PAPA AND MAMMA AGAIN IN HEAVEN," SOBS LITTLE ORPHAN GIRL WHO SAVED HER LIFE, BUT LOST HER PARENTS IN TRAGIC SHIPWRECK

Salvation Bandmaster's Little
Daughter Thrown Into the
Waters Clung to a Piece
of Wood—Brave Lass
is Now Army's
Ward.

BY NORMAN ROSE.

TORONTO, Ont., June 1.—Sitting on
the port rail of the "Empress of Ire-
land" as she toppled over on her
wounded starboard side, were Staff
Bandmaster Edward Hannagan, of
the Salvation Army, his wife and their
ten-year-old daughter, Grace.

The bandmaster and his wife were
looking their last upon the living
earth.
When the great ship took her final
plunge, and the cold water of the river
swirled over the heads of the little
family, Grace alone rose again to
battle bravely and successfully for life,
amid bodies and wreckage.

I found her resting and recuperat-
ing at the home of Brigadier Taylor.
The little girl was brave and calm in
the dawning realization of her great
bereavement as she had been in her
hour of peril.

At first they did not tell her she
would never see her papa and mamma
again, but she knows now. She held a
big wax doll in her arms and
cuddled it as she talked.
"Poor papa," she said, "poor papa,
he was so tired. If he had not been
so tired, I am sure he would have been
saved, for he could swim a long, long
way; but he had been working so
hard, for a long time, getting ready
for the trip, he was all tired out—and
his heart bothered him, and he
thought he was going to get some rest
when we got to England."

The brown eyes filled with moisture,
and the little lips quivered pitiously,
for a few seconds, before she could go
on.

"We had gone to bed when the ac-
cident came. First papa said it was all
right; then he said for us to come
quick, and we went up the stairs to
the deck. The boat was tipped way
over as we climbed the stairs. When
we got on the deck, we didn't try to
get into any of the boats. We just
went up on the high side and sat on
the rail. We didn't have hold of
hands, we just sat near each other.
Papa and mamma didn't say anything
to each other, but they told me to be
afraid."

"All of a sudden the ship went right
down, and I went away, way under the
water."

"I saw three men near me, when I
was away down deep under the water.
Then I came to the top. There were
some chairs near me and I put my
hands on one of them for a moment,
then I saw a big piece of wood right
before me."

Grace bent over to the end of the
sofa on which she was sitting, rested
her hands on the arm of the sofa, and
her chin on her hands.
"I took hold of the piece of wood
just like that and I floated till some-
one pulled me into a boat; there were
only two ladies in the boat, all the rest
men."

"Then I didn't remember any more
till I was in a French lady's house,
all wrapped up warm, and they were
asking me if I felt good enough to go
home."

DEPRESSION NOT GENERAL ASSERTS PRESIDENT WILSON

Low Business Reports Emanate
Mostly From Railroad Of-
fices, He Declares — Whole
World Experiencing Decline.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—President
Wilson today expressed himself freely
on business conditions and also
with regard to the Clayton anti-trust
bill. He told his callers he does not
believe there is any depression in
general business in the United States
at present, but that depression exists
in certain industries, including the steel
business and that the ordinary buy-
ing and selling of the nation has not
been affected.
That railroad depression has exer-
cised a great influence on the coun-
try and has affected the credit mar-
ket, he does not doubt. There is a
world-wide depression in business,
according to reports that come to
him, and the United States is not suf-
fering from it nearly so much as other
nations, he believes.

The president pointed to state-
ments from George Carver, of the
United States Steel corporation, and
Elbert H. Gary, that the outlook in
the steel industry is excellent. He
does not believe that the tariff has
anything to do with depression, con-
ditions and Secretary of Commerce
Redfield recently reported to him
that the exports of the country were
increasing more rapidly than the im-
ports.

In view of these facts the president
is inclined to hold to his recently-
published statement that the exist-
ing depression is "psychological" and
that if business men believing that
prosperity were coming and acted on
this belief it would come with a
bump.

Labor Unions Get Assurance.
The president also told his callers
that the labor organizations of the
nation do not gain anything from the
Clayton anti-trust bill except assur-
ance that their mere existence is not
contrary to the Sherman anti-trust
law. He declared that the labor
law is not connected with the labor
bill.

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Grace Hannagan, as she appeared
arrayed in Salvation Army costume,
which she now says she will always
wear. Below is her father, Edward
Hannagan, bandmaster of the Salva-
tion Army band on board the "Em-
press of Ireland."

Bandmaster Hannagan and his wife
were members of the Salvation Army
before their marriage in England.
They came to Toronto shortly before
Grace's birth. She has been brought
up in a deep religious faith and has
many willing fathers and mothers as
the army has members in this part of
Canada. The army's ward and charge
she will be from now until she has
grown up.
"I want to be in the army, always,"
she said to me.
"I know it's what papa and mamma
would want me to do, and I know I
haven't lost them for always either.
If I am a good girl, and always do
what I know they would want me to
do, I will meet them again in heaven."
She clasped the dolly very tightly
and bent her head low as she pressed
her lips to its waxen cheek. Then she
looked up, with a courageous little
smile.
Brave Grace Hannagan.

NEW OWNERS WILL ERECT ADDITION TO OLIVER HOTEL

Dick Townsend Takes Charge
as Resident Manager—An-
nex and Vacant Lot West of
Present Building Acquired.

The new owners of the Oliver hotel,
Strauss Bros. Co., of Chicago, took
possession Monday morning, with
Dick Townsend as resident manager.
The officers of the company which
now own the hotel are Leo Strauss of
Chicago, president; Dick Townsend,
vice president and manager, and
Henry Horner of Chicago, secretary
and treasurer.
According to Mr. Townsend the
Oliver hotel property at the corner of
Washington av. and Main st., was
bought outright, as was the lot at
the corner of Washington and Lafay-
ette st., while the Oliver annex, op-
posite the Oliver on the east side
of Main st. was leased for ten years.
Many improvements are contem-
plated by the new owners. Archi-
tects will come here Wednesday
morning to figure on plans to
add at least 60 additional rooms to
the hotel. It is probable that the
addition will be made where the courts
are now located.
As soon as more room is needed,
work will be started on the erection
of an addition to the hotel at Wash-
ington and Lafayette sts. It is not
known when this work will be start-
ed, but when it is and the building is
completed, it will be connected with
the main part of the hotel by a
bridge.

It is the intention of the company
to keep as many of the patrons of the
hotel as possible under one roof. The
Oliver annex will be used only as
bachelor quarters.
"We want to co-operate with the
Chamber of Commerce and other pub-
lic organizations to do all we can for
South Bend," said Mr. Townsend.

At noon a luncheon was given by
Mr. Townsend to J. D. Oliver, F. E.
Faulkner, former manager of the ho-
tel, Mr. Nipold and Mr. Strauss.

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SEARCH WRECK SCENE FOR VICTIM'S BODIES

Many Will be Washed Out Into
St. Lawrence Gulf and
Never Recovered.

FATHER POINT, Que., June 1.—
Shallow pilot boats and automobiles
maintained a double patrol by sea
and land today in a search for bodies
of those who perished in the disaster
that sent the Empress of Ireland to
the bottom of the St. Lawrence river.
Constables have been specially sworn
in along the coast and they are kept
in constant touch by telephone or
telegraph.
Though the great majority of those
who perished are believed to lie with-
in the sunken pier 120 feet below
the surface of the water, scores of
bodies probably will be picked up on
the shore within the next two weeks.
It is feared that many will be carried
out into the Gulf of St. Lawrence and
never recovered.

Two lifeboats from the Empress
have been picked up by the steamer
Grampan 25 miles from the spot
where the Storstad rammed the Em-
press. Both were overturned. No
bodies were found in the vicinity and
it is thought that if the boats had any
occupants their bodies were swept
still farther away by the river.

TRUST BILL AMENDMENT PASSES IN THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The house
today by a vote of 267 to 0, adopted
the so-called compromise amendment
to the anti-trust bill relating to the ex-
emption of labor unions and farmers'
associations.

The amendment was inserted in sec-
tion seven of the bill which provides
that there shall be no prohibition
against the organization of labor, frat-
ernal, agricultural and horticultural
associations or the carrying out of
their legitimate objects.

SURVIVORS SAY SAILORS SEIZED LIFE BOATS AND SAVED SELVES; LEAVING PASSENGERS TO DROWN

Survivors Declare Seamen Filled Life Boats
And Pushed Others Out—Captains Each
Blaming Other, Must Face at Canadian
Government Inquiry.

MUST PRESENT EVIDENCE TO CLEAR UP CONTRADICTIONS

QUEBEC, June 1.—Evidence is piling
up that the loss of hundreds of
lives in the Empress of Ireland dis-
aster could have been materially less-
ened. From suffering survivors there
came today charges of cowardice and
brutality directed against the mem-
bers of the crew of the Empress of Ire-
land.

The investigation to be conducted
by the government will be the most
searching ever conducted in Canada.
Capt. Kendall, of the sunken liner,
and Capt. Anderson, of the collier
Storstad, will confront each other at
this inquiry and will be sharply ques-
tioned on the points where their stories
of the crew of the Empress of Ire-
land differ.

Each commander has blamed the
other for the tragedy and the contra-
dictions are so numerous that both cap-
tains will be compelled to repeat their
versions and present evidence to back
them up.

Survivors of the disaster today ac-
cused members of the crew of the
wrecked Empress of filling the first
two lifeboats that were launched. They
were charged with failing to heed the
gasps for help of men and women, al-
though there was ample room in the
boats. The sailors of the sunken liner
were also charged with pushing men
off the open boats when they attempt-
ed to save themselves.

Kicked One of Boat.
Victor Van Coster, a young Belgian,
declared that when he tried to get into
a lifeboat a sailor kicked him in the
chest and knocked him back into the
water.

George Zink, of Toronto, a native of
Switzerland, lost his wife and two
children, aged six and three. When
he entered the funeral shed he was
overcome and became hysterical. Two
marines and his brother quieted him.

The red coats and white helmets of
the men from the cruiser Essex gave
the only touch of color to the scene.
Zink, a few years old, stood by a stret-
cher boy of three years, and pressed his
face against the white cloth that cov-
ered the little corpse. The tiny body
was nude. There was a black and
blue mark across his forehead and his
legs and hands were a deep purple
from the cold.

Crying and moaning, the father
pulled the sheet from the cold and
stiff body and pressed his hand over
the still heart. Then he caught one
of the little hands and squeezed it
lightly in his own while the tears ran
down his cheeks. The crowd stood
by, most of whom were on a similar
errand, stood with uncovered, bowed
heads.

"Baby's row" in the morgue con-
tained twenty-four little coffins, each
holding the lifeless corpse of an in-
nocent. The children stood no chance
to save themselves when the Empress
foundered, unless picked up immedi-
ately by strong swimmers or lifeboats.

There were nearly as many women
as men in the first consignment of
dead and scarcely a dozen of them
were fully dressed. Practically all
were in their night garments, having
been caught in their sleep by the sud-
denness of the disaster. Some of the
bodies of the dead were stark naked.
They were encased in a motley array
of shrouds and hurried to the morgue.
Some bore little crucifixes, insignia of
the Roman Catholic church. There
were caskets of mahogany beside un-
painted pine boxes which had been
hurriedly thrown together to answer
the pressing needs of the moment.

**MILITANTS BURN DOWN
AN HISTORIC CHURCH**
Priceless Relics Destroyed and
Literature is Posted on
Gravestones.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, England,
June 1.—Another week of suffragette
violence was ushered in today by
attacks on historic religious property.
The Wargrave parish church, regar-
ded as a national monument because
of its historic associations, was
burned by the arson squad early to-
day. The church was a black and
little cemetery adjacent to the church
were sips of paper reading: "Stop
the persecution of women."

Only the register and a few ar-
tifacts were rescued from the church
through the personal bravery of the
vicar, the Rev. Staunton Batty. The
loss of old Norman treasures in the
church and other antiquarian relics
is probable.

The police have an important clue
as to the identity of the suffragettes
who are reported to have come from
London.

Incendiaries, believed to be women,
set fire to the estate formerly owned
by the Duchess of Sutherland. The
manor was saved with great diffi-
culty.

**HART.—D. L. Garver, inventor of
the spring-tooth harrow, died here of
apoplexy. Many years ago he in-
vented the harrow and sold the pat-
ent for \$5,000. A year later he could
not have bought it back for a fortune.**

TURN TO IT NOW.
The most exciting moment in a
remarkable adventurous career, Gen.
Fred Funston tells how it feels to
miss death "just by a hair" in today's
installment of his vivid serial, "Memo-
ries of Two Wars."

In the foregoing chapter Gen.
Funston told of his first battle—as a
rebel in Cuba—in which he, in com-
mand of a Hotchkiss 12-pound gun,
shelled the town of Cascorra while
Gen. Gomez's 800 rebels stood back
in the bush and waited a chance to
charge.

You'll find the story on Page 5 of
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